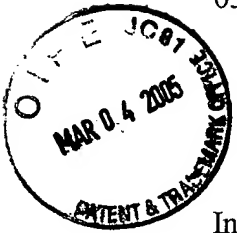


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), effective October 21, 2004, a copy of the U.S. patent document (1) is not provided. A copy of document (2) is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,035,013
- (2) Japan 11-331703

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Patent Office, which is dated February 11, 2005, is enclosed.

An English-language abstract for Japan 11-331703 is enclosed and is believed to provide an explanation of relevance for this reference.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action since filing a Request For Continued Examination on December 2, 2004, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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